

Claims 1 and 7 are not anticipated by DeBry '521. As agreed during the personal interview, DeBry '521 does not disclose the print data management apparatus recited in claims 1 and 7. The message of DeBry '521 only includes a request for a digital certificate as well as the printer's model, serial number and network address. See, e.g., DeBry '521, col. 6, lines 36-44. Nowhere does DeBry '521 disclose the claimed "print data." Thus, claims 1 and 7 are patentable over DeBry '521.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. 103 Rejections

A. Claims 3-5

The Office Action rejects claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DeBry '521. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3-5 would not have been rendered obvious by DeBry '521. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 1. Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, as well as the additional features the claims recite, claims 3-5 would not have been rendered obvious by DeBry '521.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

B. Claims 2, 6 and 8

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over DeBry '521 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,728 to DeBry (DeBry '728). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 2, 6 and 8 would not have been rendered obvious by DeBry '521 in view of DeBry '728. Claims 2, 6 and 8 depend from claim 1. Thus, for at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, as well as for the additional features they recite, claims 2, 6 and 8 are patentable over DeBry.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

C. Claims 9 and 10

The Office Action rejects claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over DeBry '728. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, DeBry '728 does not register the print data in a storage device in association with the authentication information or transmit the print data in the storage device relating to the received data usage request, as recited in claim 9.

Thus, claim 9, and claim 10 dependent therefrom, would not have been rendered obvious by DeBry '728. Accordingly, withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-10 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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